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Village Panchayats

Alleged notice to close the Muhammadan burial ground at Karkul.

* 739 Q.—MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received a petition from the Muhammadan residents of Karkul Kasba village protesting against the action of the Karkul Village Panchayat in giving notice to close the Muhammadan burial ground, S. No. 93-B/13;

(b) whether they have called for a report in the matter from the President of the Karkul Village Panchayat;

(c) whether it is a fact that the burial ground has been in existence for more than 300 years, and the few houses that are in the vicinity of the burial ground, came into existence long afterwards;

(d) whether it is a fact that there are generally only one or two cases of burial in the burial ground in question in the course of 2 or 3 years, the number of house owners privileged to bury their dead there, being very few; and

(e) whether the Government will be pleased to state what action they have taken in the matter so as to avoid much civil and criminal litigation?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) & (d) The Government have no information.

(e) The petition referred to in clause (a) was transferred to the Registrar-General of Panchayats for necessary action.

Co-operative Societies

Liquidation of Vellore Trade Union.

* 740 Q.—MR. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Vellore Trading Union has recently been recommended for liquidation;

(b) whether it is a fact that by the liquidation of this society Mr. Murugesa Mudaliyar would lose his seat on the local Co-operative Union and consequently also on the Vellore District Bank as well as the Vellore District Council of Supervision;

(c) whether it is a fact that the late Deputy Registrar, Vellore, wanted to organize a "G. Ward" Co-operative Society while there has been another credit society catering for the people of this G. Ward;

(d) whether the organization of the G. Ward Society was solely with a view to enable Mr. Murugesa Mudaliyar to retain his seats on the Co-operative Union, the District Bank and the District Council;

(e) whether it is a fact that the late Deputy Registrar, failing to succeed in organizing the G. Ward Society, desired to organize a society at Sembakkam with special provision to admit residents of Kosapet (Vellore municipality) as members and whether this move was also with the special object of providing for Mr. Murugesa Mudaliyar;